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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1-11. (canceled).
- 12. (previously presented): A liquid ejecting apparatus, comprising:
- a carriage, reciprocating;
- a liquid ejecting head, mounted on the carriage, and having a nozzle forming face from which liquid is ejected; and
- a wiping member, wiping the nozzle forming face in accordance with a movement of the carriage,

wherein the wiping member includes:

- a body part;
- a wiping part, formed at a tip of the body part for abutting the liquid ejecting head; and
 - a plurality of support parts, supporting the body part; and

wherein the support parts are provided on a face of the wiping part that is opposite to a wiping face of the wiping part which the liquid ejecting head abuts.

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13. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts are formed such that a sectional area of each of the support parts parallel with a bottom face of each of the support parts becomes smaller toward the tip from the bottom face.

- 14. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts have an elastic coefficient larger than that of the wiping part.
- 15. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts have the same elastic coefficient as that of the wiping part.
- 16. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts have cone shapes.
- 17. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts have pyramid shapes.
- 18. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 12, wherein the support parts have triangular pole shapes.
 - 19. (previously presented): A liquid ejecting apparatus, comprising:

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a carriage, reciprocating;

a liquid ejecting head, mounted on the carriage, and having a nozzle forming face from which liquid is ejected; and

a wiping member, wiping the nozzle forming face in accordance with a movement of the carriage,

wherein the wiping member includes:

a body part;

a wiping part, formed at a tip of the body part for abutting the liquid ejecting head; and

a support part, supporting the body part; and

wherein the support part is formed such that a sectional area of the support part parallel with a bottom face of the support part becomes smaller toward the tip from the bottom face.

- 20. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part is provided on a side face of the wiping part.
- 21. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 20, wherein the side face of the wiping part is a face opposite to the face which the liquid ejecting head abuts.

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- 22. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part has an elastic coefficient larger than that of the wiping part.
- 23. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part has the same elastic coefficient as that of the wiping part.
- 24. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part has a cone shape.
- 25. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part has a pyramid shape.
- 26. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part has a triangular pole shape.
- 27. (previously presented): The liquid ejecting apparatus as set forth in claim 19, wherein the support part is a plurality of support parts.